



# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

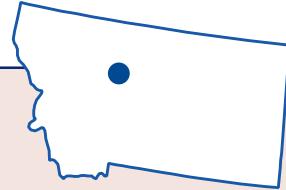
## *Great Falls Development Authority, MT*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The Great Falls Development Authority was selected to receive a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. Great Falls (population 56,690) is a regional center in north central Montana. It accounts for 71 percent of the population of Cascade County. Two-thirds of the county's private sector jobs are weighted toward low-paying retail and service jobs. Wages in the county are 68 percent of the national average. The City of Great Falls recently lost more than 600 jobs. The target area is the riverfront redevelopment area along the Missouri River. This area, which has a 16.6 percent poverty rate, includes 14 separate sites with a range of con-



### Revolving Loan Fund Grant

New  
2005

**\$600,000 for hazardous substances  
\$400,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected the Great Falls Development Authority for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the Great Falls Development Authority will provide loans and subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites in areas contaminated with hazardous substances and petroleum. Loans and subgrants will be made to support redevelopment projects in the Brownfields Riverfront Redevelopment Area of the city.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

taminants such as pesticides, metals, asbestos, petroleum, and solvents. Cleanup and development of the properties in the area will reduce the threats to the health and welfare of the disadvantaged populations in surrounding neighborhoods. Redevelopment also will greatly improve the visual aesthetics of the neighborhood and create jobs close to where residents live. The area is considered a key location for office parks and

medical service facilities, since it combines river frontage and parkland with access and proximity to two of Great Falls' primary business districts.